# SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

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# Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy



Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee

Meeting Notice and Agenda

**Date:** January 26, 2004

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. — Meeting Convenes

Public Testimony 8:00 p.m. to conclusion or 9:00 p.m. — whichever is earlier; Conservancy and Advisory Committee deliberations — 9:00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the public testimony to

adjournment.

**Location:** Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

570 West Avenue Twenty-Six Los Angeles, California 90065

**Field Trip:** Please meet at the Los Angeles River Center

and Gardens at 3:00 p.m. for a tour of Montecito

Heights and the Ascot Hills area.

**Jerome C. Daniel,** Chairperson, Designee of Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Elizabeth A. Cheadle, Vice Chairperson, Public Member, Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee

Woody Smeck, Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

Edward J. Begley, Jr., City of Los Angeles

Hal Ross, Public Member, Appointed by the Governor

Jonathan Zasloff, Public Member, Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

**Hon. Linda Parks,** Supervisor, Ventura County, Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

Ronald P. Schafer, Superintendent, Angeles District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation Pedro Nava, Ex Officio Member, California Coastal

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Mary D. Nichols, Alternate for Pedro Nava, Ex Officio Member, California Coastal Commission

Steve Horn, Ex Officio Member, State Coastal Conservancy Jody Noiron, Ex Officio Member, Supervisor, Angeles National Forest

Senator Sheila Kuehl, Legislative Participant
Senator Jack Scott, Legislative Participant
Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg, Legislative Participant
Assemblymember Paul Koretz, Legislative Participant
Assemblymember Fran Pavley, Legislative Participant

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director Rorie A. Skei, Chief Deputy Director

John A. Saurenman, Supervising Deputy Attorney General

## **Directions to Meeting:**

<u>From Interstate 5 South</u> - Take the 110 South exit towards the Pasadena Freeway/Los Angeles. Exit Figueroa on your left. Make a right turn on to Riverside Drive. Riverside Drive will become Figueroa as you cross the Los Angeles River. Turn left on Avenue 26. The River Center is approximately 1½ blocks ahead on the left.

<u>From Interstate 5 North</u> - Exit Figueroa Street/Avenue 26 from the Highway 110 North on-ramp. Turn left on Avenue 26. Cross Figueroa Street, the River Center is approximately 1½ blocks ahead on the left.

From Highway 110 South - Exit Avenue 26 and turn right. The River Center is approximately 1½ blocks ahead on the left.

<u>From Highway 110 North</u> - Exit Figueroa Street (the first exit on left after the Interstate 5 on-ramp) and turn right. Take Figueroa Street to Avenue 26 and turn left. The River Center is approximately 1½ blocks ahead on the left.

**Dinner**: A light supper will be available at 6:00 p.m. for purchase by Conservancy and Advisory Committee members and the general public for \$5.00. Members of the public wishing to purchase dinner should notify the Board Secretary by 3:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting by calling (310) 589-3200 ext. 118.

- Call to Order.
- Roll Call of Conservancy.
- 3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

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- 4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.
- 5. Election of Conservancy Officers.
- 6. Election of Advisory Committee Officers.
- 7. Approval of Minutes.
- 8. Reports:
  - a) Chairperson's Report;
  - b) Coastal Commission Report;
  - c) Attorney General's Report;
  - d) National Park Service Report;
  - e) State Parks Report;
  - f) Forest Service Report;
  - g) Legislative Report;
  - h) Oral reports by staff;
  - i) Questions to staff.
- 9. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.
- 10. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

Note: The period between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. has been set aside for public testimony. No public testimony will be taken after 9:00 p.m. The public hearing begins at 8:00 p.m. In the event that all speakers have been heard prior to 9:00 p.m., or upon completion of public hearing, whichever occurs first, the public hearing will be closed and the Conservancy and Advisory Committee deliberations will begin. Individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed five minutes to speak. Speaker times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.

### 11. Consent Calender:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Santa Clarita on the Revised Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for Lyon's Ranch, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Runkle Canyon Specific Plan, Simi Valley.
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on the Notice of Preparation for proposed townhome development project and Mount Sinai Drive extension located at the 118 Freeway and Kuehner Drive, Simi Valley.
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a 20.88-acre donation (APN 5549-004-197) in the Hollywood Bowl area, Los Angeles.
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 40 nonprofit matching grant to the University of Southern California Center For Sustainable Cities for development of a Green Visions Plan For Twenty First Century Southern California.
- (f) Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 03-176 augmenting a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services for the Vista Hermosa Park Project, Los Angeles.

### 12. Consent Calendar of Coastal Items:

(a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the Notice of Consultation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for 24850 Piuma Road, Malibu.\*

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- (b) Consideration of resolution ratifying letter of support to State Coastal Conservancy for Heal the Bay's Malibu Creek Watershed Habitat Restoration Grant.\*
- 13. Presentation of the Montecito Heights Acquisition Study by People for Parks.
- 14. Consideration of resolution requesting that the City of Los Angeles not surplus specific properties in Council District 1 identified in a December 1, 2003 letter to the Conservancy, Montecito Heights, Mount Washington, Lincoln Heights, and Glassell Park.
- 15. Presentation on proposed Ascot Hills park site and concept for Proposition 40 Urban Park Act grant funds.
- 16. Consideration of resolution confirming the Conservancy's joint application with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a parks request for Proposition 40 Urban Park Act grant funds for the Ascot Hills Park, Los Angeles.
- 17. Discussion and possible action regarding release of the Runyon Canyon Trust Fund for proposed City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks improvements to Runyon Canyon Park, Hollywood.
- 18. Consideration of resolution supporting proposed Whittier-Puente Hills Gap Analysis Study by the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority.
- 19. Consideration of resolution adopting the Simi Hills-Central Bell Creek Project Plan.
- Consideration of resolution adding the La Sierra Canyon-Upper project to the Initial Workprogram for the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- 21. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: York v. City of Los Angeles; City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission; Friends of Temescal Canyon, Inc. v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.
- 22. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

\*Coastal Zone item upon which the ex officio member appointed by the California Coastal Commission may vote.

Note: In order to save the expense of duplicating and mailing written materials, the Conservancy and Advisory Committee members will receive meeting materials electronically. Staff reports and other documents will not be mailed to the members nor will they be sent to local public libraries. Most libraries have internet access so the public will continue to have free access to meeting materials on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy World Wide Web site at http://www.smmc.ca.gov. Prior to the meeting, documents that persons would like forwarded to Conservancy and Advisory Committee members must be submitted in Microsoft Word format (MSWord 97 for Windows or above) via e-mail no later than 3:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the Conservancy meeting. Such materials should be sent to boardsec@smmc.ca.gov and in the subject line identify the agenda item number or other subject of the communication. At the meeting the Conservancy and Advisory Committee will accept written communications (46 copies should be submitted in order to have one for each Conservancy and Advisory Committee member, a copy for the Board Secretary, and a public review copy).

The Conservancy may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a) and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code.

For further information on any agenda item please contact Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director at (310) 589-3200, extension 112. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's agendas are now available on the World Wide Web at <a href="http://www.smmc.ca.gov">http://www.smmc.ca.gov</a>.

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